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SUBJ: DEPUTY HOME ADVISOR AND MISSIONARY VISAS

REF: DACCA 7235

1. POLCOUNSELOR DEC. 23 CALLED ON NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY ADVISOR FOR HOME AFFAIRS, COLONEL MUSTAFIZUR RAHMAN. THIS FOLLOWED ON BRIEF CONVERSATION ON DEC. 16 REPORTED IN LAST PARAGRAPH OF REFTEL.

2. RAHMAN HAD BEEN WELL BRIEFED ON PROBLEM OF EXTENSIONS OF MISSIONARY VISAS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE PASSPORT AND IMMIGRATION OFFICE TO REFER TO HIM ANY PROPOSALS FOR DENIAL OF RENEWALS AND SUPPORT THE REFERENCE WITH FULL INFORMATION ON THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE MISSIONARY CONCERNED. HE COMMENTED THAT HE (A FORMER ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER) WAS NOT AT ALL SATISFIED WITH THE QUALITY OF INFORMATION BEING RECEIVED FROM BDG INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. ALTHOUGH THIS COMMENT WAS FIRST MADE IN ANOTHER CONTEXT, IT WAS REPEATED DURING THE CONVERSATION SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AT THE MISSIONARY QUESTION.

3. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE THOUGHT A DIRECT MEETING BETWEEN
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HIM AND THE MISSIONARY REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE MORE USEFUL THAN ONE AT THE JOINT SECRETARY LEVEL FROM FOUR MINISTRIES PROPOSED BY SHAMSUL HUQ, THE ADVISOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE TENTATIVELY SUGGESTED DEC 30 FOR THE MEETING BUT WOULD CONFIRM THIS. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD SPEAK TO SHAMSUL HUQ ON DEC 24 WHEN HUQ RETURNED TO HIS OFFICE FROM HIS TRIP TO PAKISTAN WITH PRESIDENT ZIA AND WOULD "INFORM"

THE PRESIDENT OF HIS PLAN.

4. COMMENT: WITH SOME CAUTION, WE VIEW THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENTS AS FAVORABLE. THE SUBSTANCE HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO OTHER INVOLVED EMBASSIES AND HIGH COMMISSIONS. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED A DECREASE IN TENTATIVE REFUSALS SINCE THE DEC 16 ENCOUNTER WITH RAHMAN AND THOSE IN TRAIN SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED AT LEAST TEMPORARILY.
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